GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION REFUGEES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has maintained data on the number of conservation refugees in and around Tiger reserves, National parks and other protected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any rehabilitation packages for the conservation refugees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to(d) The village relocation from the core/critical tiger habitat, National Parks and other Protected Areas is done on a voluntary basis under the mutually agreed terms and conditions, as per provisions contained in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 with an enhanced package of Rs. 10 lakhs per family. The details of funds allocated for the village relocation under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' and 'Project Tiger' during last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure.